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Seventh session
New York, 28-31 May 1991

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Annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

2. Election of the President of the session

Rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the Committee provides for the election of the President at the beginning of the session. Rule 40 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda approved by it at its sixth session.

The Committee may further wish to decide about its organization of work on the basis of suggestions by the Secretariat.

Documentation

Provisional and annotated agenda, including list of documents (TCDC/7/L.1)

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4. Election of officers other than the President

Rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the Committee provides that in addition to the President the Committee shall elect three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur, and rule 40 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

5. Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee

(a) In accordance with recommendations 37 (a), (b) and (c) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134, and with Committee decisions 6/2, paragraph 5, and 6/3, paragraph 18, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/222, the Administrator of UNDP will submit to the Committee a report on the progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action. The report prepared by the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) provides, on the basis of the biennial progress reports submitted by the organizations of the United Nations development system, an assessment of their initiatives to integrate and promote TCDC in their technical

cooperation activities. It also responds to paragraph 8 of Committee decision 6/4 concerning the use of the capacities of developing countries in the technical cooperation activities of the organizations of the United Nations development system. The report further attempts to identify organizational, financial and other impediments to the support and promotion of TCDC, and puts forward conclusions.

(b) The three addenda to the above report contain the text of the individual progress reports submitted by the agencies and organizations of the United Nations development system on their activities in TCDC which constitute the basis for the Administrator's report to the Committee.

(c) In response to Committee decision 6/2, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the Administrator will submit to the Committee another report prepared by the Special Unit for TCDC containing information on the activities of Governments, and intergovernmental organizations, in TCDC which draws on submissions by some Governments of both developing and developed countries, and certain intergovernmental organizations, on their activities in support and promotion of TCDC. The report also contains the Administrator's conclusions.

(d) In response to Committee decision 6/5, the Administrator will submit to the Committee the report prepared by the Special Unit for TCDC on strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for TCDC. The report, prepared on the basis of responses of Governments of developing countries which participated in TCDC programming exercises in 1989 and 1990 to a questionnaire, examines the exercises and the status of implementation of projects resulting therefrom, and contains the Administrator's conclusions and proposals for future exercises.

(e) Responding to Committee decision 6/6, the Administrator will submit to the Committee a report on the activities of the United Nations development system in enhancing the participation of women in TCDC programmes. The report, prepared by the Special Unit for TCDC, is based on the submissions of organizations of the United Nations development system reflecting the status of development of guidelines to ensure full access and participation of women in TCDC activities, and the participation of women in TCDC programming exercises. The report attempts to evaluate these efforts, and the problems encountered, and contains conclusions and recommendations for future actions.

Documentation

Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

Progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC/7/2 and Add.1-3)

Information from some Governments on their activities in TCDC (TCDC/7/3)

Progress report on strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming for TCDC (TCDC/7/4)

Report on the activities of the United Nations development system in enhancing the participation of women in TCDC programmes (TCDC/7/5)

6. Organizational and supportive arrangements for technical cooperation among developing countries (such as administrative, legal, information and financial)

(a) The Administrator will make available to the Committee the report of the third meeting of the TCDC focal points of the organizations of the United Nations development system, which was convened by the Special Unit for TCDC at Geneva from 5-6 June 1990 in accordance with Committee decision 5/6. The report records the discussion of the experiences of the organizations in integrating TCDC, and in utilizing developing countries' capacities, in their technical cooperation programmes and activities. It also makes recommendations on further refinements of programming procedures concerning TCDC, and on strengthening the role of TCDC focal points in policy and operational decisions in the organizations.

(b) Responding to Committee decision 6/7, the Administrator will submit to it a report on the status of implementation of recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for the United Nations development system's support to TCDC, issued in May 1985. The report prepared by the Special Unit for TCDC is based on the submission of the organizations and highlights the progress made and difficulties encountered by the organizations in implementing the JIU recommendations.

(c) In response to Committee decision 6/8, the Administrator will submit to it a report on the status of staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC in relation to its mandated functions.

(d) Responding to Committee decisions 5/7 and 6/3, paragraph 13, the Administrator will submit to the Committee a report of the meeting of developing countries with organizations of the United Nations development system for strengthening and improving activities for TCDC. The two-day meeting, to take place between 23 and 25 May 1991, is aimed at undertaking a comprehensive assessment and appraisal of the activities of the organizations in TCDC. Because of time limitations, the report is likely to be brief, with some recommendations for action by the organizations and Governments in support and promotion of TCDC.

(e) In response to Committee decision 6/3, paragraph 15, and to UNDP Governing Council decision 90/43, the Administrator will submit to the Committee the report of the meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning TCDC, held in New York from 9-20 April 1990, and his own report containing the views of the organizations on the findings and recommendations of the Experts' report. It also contains the Administrator's conclusions.

Documentation

Report of the meeting of TCDC focal points of organizations of the United Nations development system (TCDC/7/6)

Joint Inspection Unit report on the United Nations development system support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (JIU/REP/85/3)

Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit for United Nations development system support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (TCDC/7/7)

Measures to facilitate TCDC - staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC (TCDC/7/8)

Report of the meeting of organizations of the United Nations development system with developing countries for strengthening and improving activities for TCDC (TCDC/7/9)

Report of the Meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning TCDC (DP/1990/77)

Views of the organizations of the United Nations development system on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations of the United Nations development system concerning TCDC (TCDC/7/10)

7. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat

1. By its resolution 44/222 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the sixth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ including the recommendations and decisions contained therein, and reiterated the continued validity of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries.

2. By its decision 38/441 of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly took note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on the work of its third session 2/ and thereby of the following arrangements for the fourth and subsequent sessions, as outlined in paragraph 81 of the report:

(a) The session will be scheduled for a duration of up to one week prior to the regular session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on the understanding that, after translation of the draft report and any draft decisions, a further meeting of the Committee will then be scheduled during the following week to adopt the report. In conformity with the arrangements set out in paragraph 1 above, the general debate will be conducted in plenary meeting from 28 to 30 May 1991;

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(b) The first three days of the session will be devoted to a general debate. Based on the views and suggestions expressed during this debate, the Working Group will then meet, as of the third working day of the session, for a duration of two days, to elaborate draft decisions and recommendations. Thus, two simultaneous meetings are required for only one day during the Committee's session.

3. The annex to the present note contains a tentative programme of work for the session. The Committee may wish to decide that, once the speakers' list for the plenary meetings on 28 and 30 May is exhausted, and if sufficient meeting time remains, the Working Group would be convened immediately thereafter, thereby ensuring full utilization of the available conference services.

4. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In view of the limited time and services at the Committee's disposal, it will be important that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled time. In an effort to make the best use of all services, and in line with the practice of the General Assembly and other bodies, it is also suggested that for the current session the Committee waive the relevant part of rule 16 of its rules of procedure (TCDC/2/Rev.1), which stipulates that the President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating are present.

5. To plan for the efficient conduct of the three-day general debate on items 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda (TCDC/7/L.1), it is proposed that a list of speakers be opened at UNDP headquarters, Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat (telephone No. 906-5746) on Monday, 6 May 1991, and closed at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 1991. Following past practice as endorsed by the General Assembly, statements in the general debate will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants. In order to save time, several States or groups of States sharing common positions may also wish to consider presenting joint statements. Delegations wishing to have their statements circulated to all participants are requested to provide 200 copies to the secretariat, which will arrange for their circulation in the language or languages received.

6. Rule 10 of the Committee's rules of procedure stipulates that its officers are the President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Working Group may wish to follow the practice of previous sessions whereby the Vice-President presiding over the Working Group would serve as its Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. Based on previous practice and taking into account General Assembly decision 33/417 of 14 December 1978 on the organization of the work of United Nations bodies, it is urged that the regional groups start consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill these elective posts well in advance of the session with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, thus allowing all offices of the Committee to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/44/39).

2/ Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39).

ANNEX

Tentative schedule of work

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	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
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* Note One meeting will be held during the week of 3 June 1991 to adopt the report of the Committee and finalize its work for the session.